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DEVELOPING THE 1956 ACP

The Agricultural Conservation Program Service in Washington has requested the State committee to submit its recommendations and proposals concerning the 1956 ACP. As a basis for preparing State recommendations, county committees are being asked to arrange county-wide conferences of community committeemen, representatives of allied agencies, local farm organizations, and other interested groups to consider county problems and needs and to propose desired changes in the national program.

It is hoped that these county conferences will in fact be "work" conferences in which all persons will participate freely. These conferences give you the chance each year to register your ideas about the kind of conservation program you believe your county, State, and country needs. Before you can comment too well on changes for 1956, you should know what the program is for 1955. To give community committeemen some help along that line one-day training school will be held for community committeemen in each county early in February.

1955 STATE COMMITTEE

Alden P. Short, of Georgetown, and George C. Simpson, of Houston, have been notified of their reappointment to the Delaware ASC State Committee for the calendar year 1955. Mr. Short is serving as chairman of the committee.

In accordance with the rotation policy announced by the Department of Agriculture last year, the appointment of Paul W. Mitchell, of Hockessin, who was chairman of the committee in 1954, was not renewed. Under the present policy it is contemplated that the chairmanship of the committee will be assumed each year by the oldest member with the retiring chairman replaced by a new man. The New Castle County member to succeed Mr. Mitchell has not yet been named.

1955 MARKETING QUOTA REVIEW COMMITTEE

A Marketing Quota Review Committee for Delaware was recently appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Elwood Gruwell, Felton, is Chairman of the committee; Mr. J. Clifford Rhoades, Middletown, is Vice Chairman; Mr. Walter Lank, Milton, is regular member; Mr. Douglas Fry, Milford, is alternate for Kent County; Mr. John R. Butler, Middletown, is alternate for New Castle County; Mr. Lucius Webb, Milford, is alternate for Sussex County.

The appointment of a single committee for the State represents a change for 1955 from the previous practice of having a Marketing Quota Review Committee for each county. The review committee serves only when called into session to consider the appeal of farmers dissatisfied with their allotments or other determinations made in connection with Marketing Quota Programs. In Delaware marketing quotas apply only to wheat in 1955.

NEW WOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a price incentive program on wool effective for the 1955 marketing year which begins April 1. The incentive price program applies both to shorn wool and wool on animals marketed.

Payments for both shorn wool and wool on animals marketed will be based on the difference between the national average price growers receive for wool in 1955 and 62¢ per pound which is the incentive price announced for the coming marketing year. To be eligible for incentive payments producers must have owned the animals for at least 30 days and the wool or lambs and yearlings must be marketed on or after April 1, 1955. In the case of shorn wool, the wool cannot have been shorn before January 1955.

Applications for payment under the new program will be made to county ASC committee offices.

The 1955 payment on shorn wool will be a percentage applied to the individual growers returns from eligible wool. The rate of payment will be the percentage needed to bring the national average price received by all producers for shorn wool up to the incentive level of 62¢ per pound, grease basis. This method of payment should encourage producers to improve the quality of their wool and to obtain the best possible price for it because incentive payments will increase as total net returns from wool sales increase.

In contrast to the shorn wool payment, the payment for wool on lambs and yearlings will be a flat rate per hundredweight of live animals. The actual payment rate as in the case of shorn wool will not be known until mid 1956 when it will be possible to compute the national average price received by producers for shorn wool.

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